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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed December 30, 1955

Call letters W.D.D.

Station Location Edenton, North Carolina

ABLEMARLE RADIO CORPORATION (AL 11-21-77 EFF: 12-9-77)

X COLONIAL BROADCASTING, INCORPORATED OF EDENTON (AL 5-23-62, EFF: 6-1-62)

Name of licensee COLONIAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location Paradise Road, 1.6 miles NNE of downtown Edenton, N.C. (Lic 12-30-55)  
(CP 5-11-55)

Main studio location Paradise Road, Edenton, N. C. (lic 12-30-55)



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From- To-
BP-9707	5-11-55	1260kc	1kw	Day	7-11-55 1-11-56
CP for new standard broadcast station					
BL-5980	12-30-55	1260kc	1kw	Day	12-30 12-1-57
Lic to cover CP(BP-9707) new station					
BTC-2501	6-20-57	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Ray A.Childers,et al (all original stockholders) to E.M.Schuman,Josephine W.Schuman, Richard W.Schuman & Henrietta S.Schuman, as a family group.			
EFF:	6-22-57				
BR-3213	11-6-57	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-60
	11-30-60	Commission deferred action on renewal pending further consideration.			
BR-3213	3-8-61	Renewal of license			3-8 12-1-63
BAL-4502	5-23-62	Voluntary assignment of license to Colonial Broadcasters, Incorporated of Edenton			
EFF	6-1-62				
BR-3213	11-29-63	1260kc	1kw	Day	12-1 12-1-66
BR-3213	1-17-67	Renewal of license			1-17 12-1-69
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
BTC-5696	8-23-68	Vol. Acq. Positive Control			
EFF:	10-3-68				
BR-3213	6-25-70	Renewal of License & NDEA			12-1-72
(S)					
EBSA	5-25-72				
BR-3213(B)	12-6-72	Renewal			12-1-75
BZ-8856(1)	6-11-75	Direct Measurement			
BR-3213(L)	11-12-75	RENEWAL			12-1-78
BTC-8269	4/21/77	Vol TC	EFF: 5/3/77		
BAL-9174	11-21-77	Vol. AL	EFF: 12-9-77		
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BR780731XT (S)	11/30/78	Renewal			12/1/81
BTC801204EA	2-18-81	VOL TC	EFF:		



FORM A-170  
FORMERLY FCC FORM 94

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name COLONIAL BROADCASTING COMPANY

PO c/o William E. Johnston, 101 Chamberlain St., Durham, N.C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-9707 Rec'd Filed	3-17-55 3-17-55 3-17-55	Construction permit for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1260kc Power: 1kw Hours of Operation: Daytime Trans. Location: Paradise Rd., 1.6 miles NNE of downtown Edenton Nr. Edenton, North Carolina Studio Location: To be Determined Edenton, North Carolina  James C. McHenry, Engr.	GRANTED	3-17-55
BL-5980 Rec'd Filed	11-10-55 11-14-55 11-14-55	License to cover construction permit (BP-9707) which authorized a new standard broadcast station.	GRANTED	12-30-55



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# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name COLONIAL BROADCASTING COMPANY  
Edenton, North Carolina

File No.	Dates	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-1501 Rec'd Filed	5-3-57 5-16-57 5-16-57	Voluntary transfer of control of licensee corporation from Ray A. Childers, et al (All Original Stockholders) to E. M. Schuman, Josephine W. Schuman, Richard W. Schuman and Henrietta S. Schuman, as a family group.  Andrew G. Haley, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	6-20-57
BR-3213 Rec'd Filed	9-3-57 9-5-57 9-5-57	Renewal of License  Andrew G. Haley, Attorney	GRANTED	11-6-57
BP-13,721 Rec'd Filed	12-8-59 12-11-59 12-11-59	Construction Permit to change freq. from 1260kc to 610kc; decrease power from 1kw to 500w; make changes in antenna system (increase hgt.) and make changes in trans. equipment  Atty. Haley, Hollenberg & Kenahan	DISMISSED failure to prosecute	4-8-69
AMENDMENT R & F	9-22-61 9-27-61	Engr.- Robert H. Epperson, Mt. Airy, N. C. AMENDED to make changes in antenna (incr. hght) and ground systems.		



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1260kc

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Edenton, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3213 R & F	8-29-60 9-14-60	Renewal of license Atty's: Haley, Wollenberg & Bader	GRANTED	3-8-61
BAL-4502 Rec'd Filed	12-26-61 3-1-62 3-1-62	Voluntary assignment of license to Colonial Broadcasters, Incorporated of Edenton. John F. Clagett, Atty.	GRANTED EFF	5-24-62 6-1-62
BR-3213 Rec'd Filed	10-1-63 10-18-63 10-18-63	Renewal of license---12-1-63 Atty. John F. Clagett	GRANTED	11-19-63
BR-3213 R & F	8-20-66 8-23-66	Renewal of license	GRANTED	1-17-67
BTC-5696 R & F FEE PD:\$30 (Form 316)	7-31-68 8-1-68 #448494	Voluntary acquisition of positive control of lic. corp. by James F. Flanagan thru purchase of stock from Robert G. Currin Atty - Samuel Miller	GRANTED EFF:	8-23-68 10-3-68



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name

COLONIAL BROADCASTERS, INCORPORATED OF EDENTON

EDENTON, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-3213 R & F #538067375 P.N. filed PRESS SEP 9 1969	8-25-69 8-26-69 8-26-69 8-26-69	Renewal of license AMENDED 11-17-69 re: Programming AMENDED 12-11-69 re: Programming	GRANTED	6-25-70
BR-3213 R & F B.N. PRESS OCT	8-21-72 8-28-72 8-28-72	Renewal of License AMENDED 11-28-72 re: ascertainment of comm. needs	Granted	12-6-72
BZ-8856 R & F DM PRESS JUN 2 1975	3-18-75 3-18-75 4-17-75	Direct Measurement	GRANTED	6-11-75
BR-3213 R & F PN Recd. PRESS AUG 22 1975	7-25-75 7-31-75 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-12-75



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ABLEMARLE RADIO CORPORATION

Name x COLONIAL BROADCASTERS, INCORPORATED, OF EDENTON  
Edenton, N.C.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
PTC-8269 R & F (Form 315) Pub notice filed	1-27-77 1-31-77 MAR 7 1977 2-17-77	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from William T. Watkins and James F. Flanagan to Albemarle Radio Corporation (SEE OVER) Atty - Tharrington, Smith & Hargrove Raleigh, N.C.	GRANTED EFF:	4/21/77 5/3/77
BAL-9174 R & F FORM 316	10/20/77 10/28/77 NOV 10 1977	Voluntary assignment of license to ABLEMARLE RADIO CORPORATION Atty - Tharrington, Smith & Hargrove Raleigh, N.C. Art. of Inc. & By-Laws on file with above TC	GRANTED EFF: 12-9-77	11-21-77



RE: BTC-8269 - AMENDED 4-11-77 - reasons for TC;and to  
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1260 KHz.

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Name ABLEMARLE RADIO CORPORATION  
EDENTON, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR780731XT PRESS	SEP 11 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE  Atty. Wade H. Hargrove (Raleigh, N. C.)	Granted	11-30-78
BTC-801204EA FORM 315 PRESS DEC 24 1980 PN FILED 12-24-80		Voluntary transfer of control from Terry H. Jones to Edenton Broadcasting Corporation  Atty- Tharrington, Smith & Hargrove	GRANTED	2-18-81 EFF: 3-11-81
BAL810511GV Form 316 PRESS MAY 27 1981		Vol Al.to Edenton broadcasting Corporation  Atty-MARK J. PRAK	EFF:	7-16-81



BTC801204EA Amended 2-2-81 re: ltr. voting interest;  
Sec. II;



## About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only one set is known to exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

